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TAGS: PINS WA SF

SUBJ: POLITICAL UNREST INCREASES IN OWAMBO

REF : CAPE TOWN 361

1. ARGUS BUREAU CORRESPONDENT IN WINDHOEK REPORTS EXPLOSION " DESTROYED THE PRINTING PRESS OF THE INDIGENOUS, ANTI- APARTHEID EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN OWAMBO- KAVANGO CHURCH" EARLY MAY 11 AT ONDANGUA, OWAMBO. BUILDING HOUSING PRINTING PRESS BURNED DOWN. DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT R600,000 ( US\$852,000). PRINTING PRESS PRODUCED SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND CHURCH PUBLICATIONS, AND ALSO A NEWSPAPER WHICH HAD CRITICIZED SAG AND OWAMBO GOVERNMENT. SPOKESMAN  
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FOR CHURCH SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO THREAT OF ANY KIND  
MADE BEFORE EXPLOSION. HOWEVER, HE REFERRED TO  
"GENERAL ATMOSPHERE" PREVALENT IN OWAMBO. POLICE IN  
WINDHOEK HAVE REFUSED TO COMMENT TO PRESS.

2. RAND DAILY MAIL TODAY REPORTED POLICE COMMISSIONER  
JOUBERT HAS CONTRADICTED HIS PREVIOUS DENIAL THAT SIX  
PEOPLE HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN OWAMBO ( REFTTEL) AND HAS STATED  
THAT NINE OVAMBOS HAVE BEEN EITHER QUESTIONED OR ARRESTED  
IN CONNECTION WITH HOLDING OF ILLEGAL POLITICAL MEETINGS  
IN OWAMBO. OF THESE, HE SAID, THREE HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND  
TWO JAILED. JOUBERT'S FIGURES DO NOT SQUARE WITH PERSIS-  
TENT REPORTS THAT TEN OVAMBOS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED  
RECENTLY ON POLITICAL CHARGES IN OWAMBO.  
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